(b) If so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) What step are proposed to be taken to remove the apprehension expressed that India has failed to adopt adequate and effective patent protection for pharmaceutical products?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) India has already fufilled the first phase of its obligations under Articles 70.8 and 70.9 of the agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) by an amendment to the Patents Act, 1970, namely, the Patents (Amendment) Act, 1999, effective from 1 January, 1995.

In order to meet other obligations under the TRIPS Agreement, a Bill to further amend the Patents Act, 1970, namely, the Patents (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 20 December, 1999. The said Bill is presently under consideration of a Joint Committee of Parliament.

India has time till 31 December, 2004 to meet the obligations contained in Article 65.4 of the TRIPS Agreement regarding product patent protection in sectors not protected so far.

Industrial Production Index

†4426. DR. D. MASTHAN; SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of industries in different sectors is taken into account to determine the index of industrial production by Government;

(b) if so, what are these sectors; and

(c) the percentage of participation thereof in determining the index, separately?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The table below gives the names of the different sectors and their percentage representation in determining the index of industrial production.

Sector	Weight
Mining & quarrying	10.47
Manufacturing	79.36
Electricity	10.17

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.